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SUBJECT: MALTA: MINTOFF THREAT OF ANTI-BRITISH MOVE

1. ITALIAN EMBOFF TOLD DEPT. TODAY THAT MINTOFF HAD CALLED IN ITALIAN AMBASSADOR NOV. 6 TO INFORM HIM OF QTE NEGATIVE END QTE REPLY FROM HMG TO MINTOFF'S MESSAGES OF LAST MONTH. MINTOFF REPORTEDLY SAID THAT, AS CONSEQUENCE, HE MUST TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST UK, ALTHOUGH HE UNDECIDED ON EXACT MOVE. AS POSSIBILITY, MINTOFF MENTIONED CRACKDOWN ON QTE BRITISH PROPAGANDA END QTE DISSEMINATED IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MALTESE PRESS. MINTOFF ALSO REFERRED TO AN EXPECTATION OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR WHATEVER ACTION HE MIGHT TAKE. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION FIR. ACCORDING TO EMBOFF, MINTOFF TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT WHILE HE IS STILL HOPING FOR EC SOFT LOAN, PROBLEMS WITH BRITISH WOULD NOT BE RESOLVED AS LONG AS STERLING DEVALUATION QUESTION REMAINED OUTSTANDING. RUSH

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